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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed is a Petition to Extend Time for one month from March 14, 2006 to April 14, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.